RAJYA SABHA

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The House met at eleven of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Screening of banned Film in the Filmotsav held in January 1986

*1. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN :
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ :†

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a U. S. film banned by the Central Board of Film Certification, had been surreptitiously included in the Filmotsav held in January 1986 ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what other films were included in the Filmotsav and what norms and criteria were followed in selecting the films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. All Films participating in Filmotsav '86 were exempt from the provisons relating to certification of films.

A list of films screened in Filmotsav '86 were at Hyderabad is enclosed. [*See* Apppendix CXXXVII [Annexure No.-I] The films were selected by a Selection Committee, keeping in view the objective of Filmotsav '86.

*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Ram Chandra Bharadwaj.

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज : मान्यवर, इस उत्तर से ऐसा लगता है कि फिल्मोत्सव में अश्लील लगने वाली फिल्मों को छूट है सैंसरशिप से। क्या कारण है कि अपना ही सैंसर बोर्ड किसी फिल्म को रिजक्ट कर देता है दिखाने के लिए और अपने ही फिल्मोत्सव में उस फिल्म को दिखाते हैं। तो यह जो विरोधाभास है, नीति में, मंत्री जी उसके लिए तो कुछ बतायेंगे ही, लेकिन मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि आखिर इस फिल्म सैंसर बोर्ड की क्या उपयोगिता है। मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूं कि इन फिल्मों को दिखाने की छूट है तो क्यों उनको ब्रोशर में इंटर नहीं किया गया है फिल्मोत्सव में ? अगर यह सही नहीं है तो उनको फिल्मोत्सव में क्यों दिखाया गया ?

SHRI V. N. GADGIL : Sir, India holds two festivals, one competitive and one non-competitive, in alternative years. We are a member of the international organisation and the practice in every country is that such films screened in the Filmotsav or in the Film Festival are not subjected to censorship regulations and we follow the same practice.

As far as the other part of the question is concerned, to be included in the brochure we require certain information.

श्री रामचन्द्र भारद्वाज : मान्यवर, क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस तरह से क्या बूस्ट नहीं मिल रहा है फिल्म प्रोड्यूसर्स को जो इस तरह से अपराध, नग्नता, हिंसा दिखाने वाली फिल्में तैयार कर रहे हैं ? अगर सैंसर बोर्ड ऐसी फिल्मों को रिजेक्ट कर देता है तो फिर उसे क्यों दिखाया जाता है। फिल्म सैंसर के नाम पर वह सरकार से मिले होते हैं। क्या आप इन फिल्मों पर किसी प्रकार का प्रतिबंध लगाने की कृपा करेंगे ?

SHRI V.N.GADGIL : Sir, entry to the Film Festival of the viewers is limited. It is not shown all over India, but it is for a selected audience and that is the practice followed in the International Film Festivals

and we are aslo following the same thing.

MR. CHARIMAN: Question No. 2. Yes, Mr. Dipen Ghosh.

Cadre Review in the DDA and CPWD

*2. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : will the minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission for three year. Cadre review has not been implemented in the Delhi Development Authority and the Central Public Works Department ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what are the promotional avenues for junior engineers in the DDA and CPWD ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) and (b) In the light of the recommendatios of the third Pay Commission, the Cadre Review of Group 'A' Engineering Services in the Central P. W. D. was taken up and has been finalised. The Cadre Review of Group 'B' Engineering Services and Group 'C' Cadre of Junior Engineers has also been taken up. The DDA, however, does not come under the purview of the Pay Commission's reccommendations.

(c) The following promotional facilities are available to the Junior Engineers :—

(1) (a) In relaxation of the Recruitment Rules all the posts in the next higher grade of Assistant Engineers are being filled up by promotion of Junior Engineers partly on seniority-cum-merit basis and partly through a Limited Departmental Competitive Examination. Thus, All the posts in the higher grade of Assistant Engineers have since 1972 been thrown open to the Junior Engineers for promotion.

(b) There is also a provisions for selection grade posts upto 15 percent of the total strength of the Junior Engineers.

(2) In case of DDA, 50 per cent of the posts in the Cadre of Assistant Engineers are filled up by promotionfrom the rank of Junior Engineers.

(3) The higher posts of Executive Engineers and Superintending Engineers are also open to these promoted Assistant Engineer subject to the fulfilment of the eligibility conditions as laid down in the rules.

MR.CHAIRMAN:A long answer may be put in the form of a statement.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : I am thankful to you that you have advised the Minister to give a long answer in statement form so that we get the opportunity to frame the supplementaries.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : I will do it.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Sir, from whatever the Minister has stated it is clear that according to the recommendations of the third Pay Commission cadre review for all the A, B and C Groups of engineers had to be made every three years, but this was not done. And what is also very clear from the statement is that in the case of group 'A' officers, the Government has already made the cadre review and started implementing the review. But in the case of Groups 'B' and 'C' officers they have not yet made the cadre review. Sir, even this failure on the part of the Government to make the cadre review for Groups 'C' and 'D' in the CPWD has come in for criticism by the Estimates Committee in its report submitted to Parliament in the year 1984. The recommendation of the Estimates Committee was to complete the cadre review within six months from the date of submission of that report. But already another two years have elapsed, and still the Minister says that the cadre review is being made. In the case of